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News

Students Earn Volunteer Award with Diversity Efforts

The city Parks and Recreation Commission recognized Cal Poly students Addie Virta and Missy Sparks as its January Volunteers of the Month for their work with local children through a campus group called Language Outreach and Opportunities for Kids (LOOK). Virta and Sparks are the student co-coordinators of LOOK, which operates through Student Community Services in Cal Poly's Student Life and Leadership office.

[More on student award](#)



Biotech QL+ Center at Cal Poly and Founding Alum Are Topic of Filming

A camera crew with the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) was on campus filming engineering alum Jon Monett (IE '64) at Cal Poly recently. The project was a segment for the organization's annual report, focusing on the new QL+ Center located on the Cal Poly campus. The biotech center does research and development of prostheses for men and women who have been injured in battle -- from weapons, explosives or fire. The Monett Foundation supported the

creation of the center with a \$500,000 donation.

[More on the QL+ Center](#)

Cal Poly Offers Free Tax Prep Help Starting Jan. 30

Beginning Jan. 30, Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business will again provide free help with tax return preparation for individuals and families with incomes less than \$50,000 year. The effort is part of the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program sanctioned and coordinated by the IRS. All returns are prepared by trained accounting seniors and are reviewed by certified tax preparers. Spanish-speaking preparers will be available. Help will be available on campus from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday from Jan. 30 to March 13.

[Details on tax prep help](#)

International Printing Week Workshops Happening This Week

Cal Poly is hosting the annual International Printing Week workshops through Jan. 22. The program covers trends and developments in graphic communication technology, management, design, printed electronics, packaging, hardware, software



and printing processes. It is one of the largest printing events in the nation. This year, workshops will outline practical and intellectual twists shaping the future of the industry. The event dates commemorate the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, an early leader in printing technology. Printing Week serves as an intensive training for students. Industry members participate through lectures, product support and career networking.

[More on International Printing Week](#)



Faculty and Staff

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge, with the intent of strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for 2010-11 is Jan. 22. For guidelines and an application form, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs Web site](#), or call the RGP office at 6-1508.

Date Change: Service Awards Luncheon Will Be Held March 10

State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2009 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 in Chumash Auditorium. The theme for this year's event will be "Cal Poly Through the Years – Appreciating the Past." Master of Ceremonies will be Phil Bailey.

The main entrée selections are old-fashioned meatloaf or the vegetarian option of black bean meatloaf. Side dishes include: iceberg lettuce salad with thousand island dressing, creamy macaroni and cheese, home-style green bean casserole, dinner rolls with butter, apple crisp, coffee, iced tea and water

Tickets are \$10 and will be sold Feb. 1-26. IMPORTANT NOTE: Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

Campus Announcements

Helen Bailey Elected to ACTCSP

Helen Bailey, Student Services Professional II in the Office of the Registrar, Evaluations was elected by Cal Poly represented and confidential employees to serve as the staff representative for the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, known as the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP). The ACTCSP will convene at Cal Poly in February for a brief organizational meeting. The remainder of the committee activities will occur in April and May. Congratulations Helen.

Results of Innovative Surveys Made Available to Campus

Last winter and spring, Cal Poly administered two innovative campus surveys, one to students and the other to faculty and staff. The surveys were part of the ongoing WASC process of re-affirming the university's accreditation. The results formed the backbone of the self-study, which was submitted to WASC on Dec. 3. The results are available at http://wasc.calpoly.edu/engagement/survey_results.html

Van Pool Has Openings for the Atascadero and North Coast Areas

Gas prices got you down? We have the solution. There are vanpool openings for the Atascadero and North Coast area (Los Osos, Morro Bay, Cayucos, Cambria). Contact Susan Rains at srains@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-6680 for more information.

Sunday Computing Outages Set for Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7

On three consecutive Sundays, Jan. 24 and 31 and Feb. 7, Information Technology Services will perform work during a network and computing outage that will affect all central computing resources and campus-wide wireless service. The scheduled outages will run from 4 a.m. to noon while ITS Network Administration upgrades the ITS data center network firewalls. Affected systems include the my.calpoly.edu portal page and all applications reached through the "single click access" channel, e-mail and calendar, all wireless service, PeopleSoft, the PolyData warehouse, health services resources, alumni and advancement resources, and System Status. Campuswide "wired" internet access will be operational, and the Cal Poly home page will not be affected. Network Administration staff are communicating with local area network coordinators across campus to clarify the impact. For a complete list of affected services, visit System Status on the Technology tab in the portal before the outage begins, or consult with your department's technical support staff.



Get a Ham Radio License - Testing Session Set for Feb. 6

The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club will host a Ham Radio testing session Saturday, Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Engineering East, Room 129. The exam is \$15, and attendees are asked to bring a pencil, their Social Security number and two forms of ID (one with a photo). RSVP for attendance to calpolyradioclub@gmail.com. Learn more about the Amateur Radio Club and

the testing session at www.w6bhz.org.

Wilderness First Aid Certification Course Set for Feb. 13, 14

The Poly Escapes Outdoor Adventures Program will host a Wilderness First Aid class presented by the Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) of NOLS. The course provides WMI Wilderness First Aid Certification and Wilderness First Responder re-certification. The class is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14, in UU 220. Tuition is \$145 for students and \$195 for non-students and covers fees for the course only. Non-student participants can contact Nancy Clark at ext. 6-7007 or naclark@calpoly.edu for registration instructions. Additional information is available online at http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/poly_escapes_trips/get_active.

The two-day course is fast-paced and hands-on and covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors. WMI's curriculum is unique and includes advanced topics that other programs leave out such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment and epinephrine administration. This course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals in remote locations. WMI's course is pre-approved by the American Camping Association, the U.S. Forest Service and other governmental agencies. This course does not include CPR.

Deadline for Student Research Competition Entries is Feb. 18

The Research and Graduate Programs office encourages faculty and staff members to notify students about the CSU Student Research Competition, to be held April 30 and May 1 at San Jose State University. Students may adapt their senior projects or master's theses for entry in the competition. The deadline to submit entries for Cal Poly's March 6 campus-wide review is Feb. 18. For more information, visit <http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu/>.

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office asks faculty and staff to remind students that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly Scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. For questions, dial ext. 6-2927.

Events

Kronos Quartet in Concert Today

Cal Poly Arts presents the Kronos Quartet in concert Jan. 20. For more than 30 years, Kronos has pursued a singular artistic vision: combining a spirit of fearless exploration with a commitment to expand the range and context of the string quartet. The renowned quartet melds world music and jazz with contemporary rhythms.

[More on Kronos in concert](#)



Political Science Department Hosts Talk on Problems of Freedom

The Political Science Department will host John Medearis from UC Riverside's Department of Political Science on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. in UU 216. Medearis' talk, titled "Contemporary Problems of Freedom," is free and open to the public.

For at least 60 years, scholarly thinking about freedom has been based on the idea that agents interact with each other, and an agent is either free or not free. As an alternative, Medearis proposes a model of freedom that illuminates problems of domination, oppression and exploitation in both global and local institutions. This model moves us beyond simplistic judgments of whether a particular agent has interfered with another's freedom toward a more nuanced understanding of the roles played by different agents in unjust social relations and indicates ways in which less

free people may make themselves freer. Medearis argues that the advantages of such a model are especially clear when we consider the sorts of institutions and forces that compose the phenomenon of globalization.

English Professor to Give Poetry Reading from New Book

English professor and Cal Poly Distinguished Teaching Award Winner Kevin Clark will give a special poetry reading from his book *Self-Portrait with Expletives* on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Hear the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble Saturday

On Saturday, Jan. 23, the Early Music Ensemble presents "Ignacio de Jerusalem and Manuel de Sumaya: Kings of the Mexican Baroque" at 8 p.m. in Mission San Luis Obispo. Hear glorious works by the two greatest composers of the Mexican Baroque period. Professor Craig Russell will present a highly entertaining overview of the evening's repertoire.

[More on the Early Music Ensemble performance](#)

See the Moscow Circus at the PAC Jan. 25

Cal Poly Arts presents the Moscow Circus in the Christopher Cohan Center on Jan. 25. The circus features crazy clowns and jugglers, acrobats, contortionists and even a clever canine. The performance also includes physically unbelievable stunts and an evening of mesmerizing magic, music, and vivid color, perfect for a night of family enjoyment.

[More on the Moscow Circus](#)

Former Sunset Magazine Publisher, U.S. Ambassador Bill Lane to Speak Jan. 26

William "Bill" Lane Jr. – conservationist, philanthropist, former U.S. ambassador to Australia and former publisher of Sunset magazine – will speak Jan. 26 at Cal Poly. Lane will discuss "Going West Again ... and Again" in his talk set for 11:10 a.m. to noon in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

[More on Lane's talk](#)



Lecture on Deregulation in America Set for Jan. 26

The History Department and the College of Liberal Arts will host a lecture Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to noon in Agriculture Engineering, Room 124. Eduardo Canedo of Princeton University will present "The Past, Present and Future of Deregulation in America." The lecture explores sources of economic conservatism in our time and examines whether government regulation the answer to the current economic crisis, as well as the lessons the history of regulation and deregulation in the United States offer to us today. Canedo is the Cotsen Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University. He is completing his first book "Government Is the Problem: The Birth of American Deregulation."

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#101986 – Coordinator of Student Development, Student Services Professional II, Student Affairs, University Housing, Temporary full-time through June 17, 2011, \$3,519-\$5,002 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 11, 2010.

#101992 – Risk Management Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist-Exempt I, Administration and Finance Department, Contracts, Procurement, and Risk Management, \$3,845-5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 4, 2010.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-1121.

Executive Chef, 12-month position, hiring range \$51,558-\$63,128 per year. AA degree in Culinary Arts from an accredited school or equivalent required; certification as a Certified Working Chef preferred. Requires five years high volume food service experience, including at least three years hands-on and two years of production supervisory experience, preferably at a university or college.

Assistant Supervisor, Coffee Operation, 10-month position, hiring range: \$10.54-\$12.91 per hour, high school degree or equivalent and two years relevant coffee experience in a high- volume environment including one year in a supervisory position required.

Assistant Supervisor, Tacos To-Go/Dexter Subs, 10-month position, hiring range: \$10.54-\$12.91 per hour, high school degree or equivalent and two years relevant food service experience in a high- volume environment including one year in a supervisory position required.

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